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**Amendments to the Claims**

1. (currently amended) A method for treating a vascular disease of a patient with an intravascular implant, the method comprising:
  - identifying an existing ~~[[a]]~~ disease process in the pathology of the vascular disease;
  - selecting a first agent to treat or prevent the existing disease process of the vascular disease;
  - coating at least a portion of the intravascular implant with a therapeutically effective amount of the first agent; and
  - implanting the intravascular implant in the patient.
2. (currently amended) A method as defined in claim 1 wherein the disease process is identified using ~~a technique selected from the group consisting of an angiogram, fluoroscopy, CT scan, MRI, intravascular MRI, lesion temperature determination, genetic determination and a combination thereof.~~
- 3-4. (canceled)
5. (currently amended) A method as defined in claim 6 ~~[[4]]~~ wherein the first agent is a macrolide immunosuppressant.
6. (currently amended) A method as defined in claim 2 ~~[[5]]~~ further including selecting a second agent to treat or prevent the existing disease process of the vascular disease, and wherein coating at least a portion of the intravascular implant with a therapeutically effective amount of the first agent includes coating at least a portion of the intravascular implant with a therapeutically effective amount of the second agent.

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7. (original) A method as defined in claim 6 wherein the second agent is selected from the group consisting of an anti-inflammatory agent, non-proliferative agent, anti-coagulant, anti-platelet agent, Tyrosine Kinase inhibitor, anti-infective agent, anti-tumor agent, anti-leukemic agent and a combination thereof.
8. (currently amended) A method as defined in claim 2 [[1]] wherein coating at least a portion of the intravascular implant includes coating at least a portion of the intravascular implant with a polymer matrix.
9. (original) A method as defined in claim 8 wherein the polymer matrix includes a bioabsorbable polymer.
10. (original) A method as defined in claim 9 wherein the bioabsorbable polymer is selected from the group consisting of poly- $\alpha$  hydroxy acids, polyglycols, polytyrosine carbonates, starch, gelatins, cellulose and combinations thereof.
11. (original) A method as defined in claim 10 wherein the therapeutically effective amount of the first agent is dispersed within the bioabsorbable polymer.
12. (currently amended) A method as defined in claim 2 [[1]] wherein the intravascular implant is selected from the group consisting of a balloon catheter, stent, stent graft, drug delivery catheter, atherectomy device, filter, scaffolding device, anastomotic clip, anastomotic bridge, suture material, wire, embolic coil and a combination thereof.
13. (original) A method as defined in claim 12 wherein the intravascular implant includes a primer layer upon which the coating is applied.

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14. (currently amended) A method as defined in claim 13 wherein the primer layer includes one of is-made-of a bioabsorbable polymer and a biostable polymer.

15. (canceled)

16. (original) A method as defined in claim 13 further including a top coat applied over the coating.

17. (currently amended) A method of making a therapeutically coated intravascular implant for treating a vascular disease, the method comprising:

identifying an existing ~~[[a]]~~ disease process in the pathology of a vascular disease of a patient;

selecting a first agent to treat or prevent the existing disease process of the vascular disease; and

coating at least a portion of the intravascular implant with a therapeutically effective amount of the first agent.

18. (currently amended) A method as defined in claim 17 wherein the disease process is identified using a ~~technique selected from the group consisting of an angiogram, fluoroscopy, CT scan, MRI, intravascular MRI, lesion temperature determination, genetic determination and a combination thereof.~~

19. (original) A method as defined in claim 18 wherein the disease process is selected from the group consisting of acute myocardial infarction, thrombotic lesions, unstable angina, fibrotic disease, total occlusion, hyperproliferative vascular disease, vulnerable plaque, diabetic vascular diffused disease and a combination thereof.

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20. (currently amended) A method as defined in claim 19 further including selecting a second agent to treat or prevent the disease process of the vascular disease, and wherein coating at least a portion of the intravascular implant with a therapeutically effective amount of the first agent includes coating at least a portion of the intravascular implant with a therapeutically effective amount of the second agent.
21. (original) A method as defined in claim 20 wherein the first agent is rapamycin.
22. (original) A method as defined in claim 21 wherein the second agent is selected from the group consisting of an anti-inflammatory agent, non-proliferative agent, anti-coagulant, anti-platelet agent, Tyrosine Kinase inhibitor, anti-infective agent, anti-tumor agent, anti-leukemic agent and a combination thereof.
23. (currently amended) A therapeutic intravascular implant coating for coating at least a portion of an intravascular implant to treat or prevent a vascular disease of a patient, the coating comprising:  
a therapeutically effective amount of rapamycin; and  
a therapeutically effective amount of a second agent,  
wherein the second agent is selected based on the identification of an existing disease process of the vascular disease of the patient.
24. (original) A coating as defined in claim 23 wherein the second agent is selected from the group consisting of an anti-inflammatory agent, non-proliferative agent, anti-coagulant, anti-platelet agent, Tyrosine Kinase inhibitor, anti-infective agent, anti-tumor agent, anti-leukemic agent and a combination thereof.
25. (original) A coating as defined in claim 24 wherein the intravascular implant is selected

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from the group consisting of a balloon catheter, stent, stent graft, drug delivery catheter, atherectomy device, filter, scaffolding device, anastomotic clip, anastomotic bridge, suture material, wire, embolic coil and a combination thereof.

26. (new) A method as defined in claim 1, wherein identifying the disease process is performed during a first procedure on the patient and implanting the intravascular implant is performed during a second procedure.

27. (new) A method as defined in claim 1, wherein identifying the disease process and implanting the intravascular implant are performed during one procedure at a procedure site.

28. (new) A method as defined in claim 27, wherein coating the intravascular implant is performed at the procedure site.